

- OF VOLUND AND NIDOD -

THREE MAIDENS FLEW THROUGH MYRKVID FROM SOUTHLAND
YOUNG VALKYRIES, IN WARS TO TRY THEM.

THEY SAT
BY A LAKE,



THEIR LIMBS
TO REST,



FAIR
SOUTHRON
MAIDS,
PRECIOUS
FLAX



SPINNING.

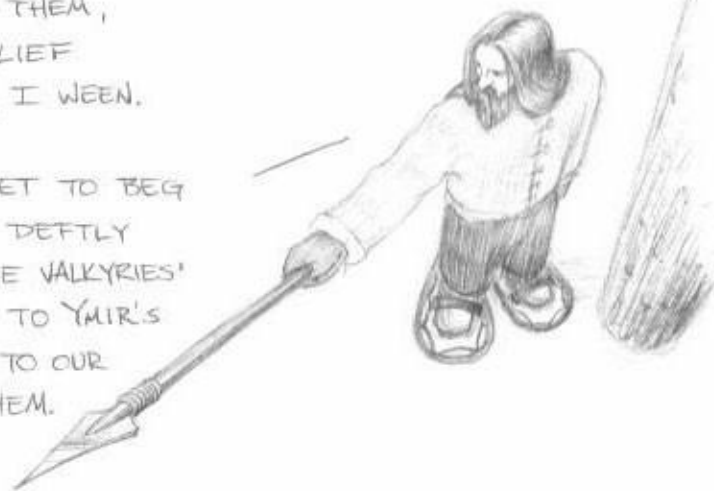
HLADGUD AND HERNOR,
HLODVER'S DAUGHTERS

AND WISE
OLRÚN,
KIAR'S OFFSPRING.



SHALT WE SPEAK FAIR TO THEM,
AND EFTSOON WILT THE LIEF
MAIDS WEND TO OUR HALL, I WEEEN.

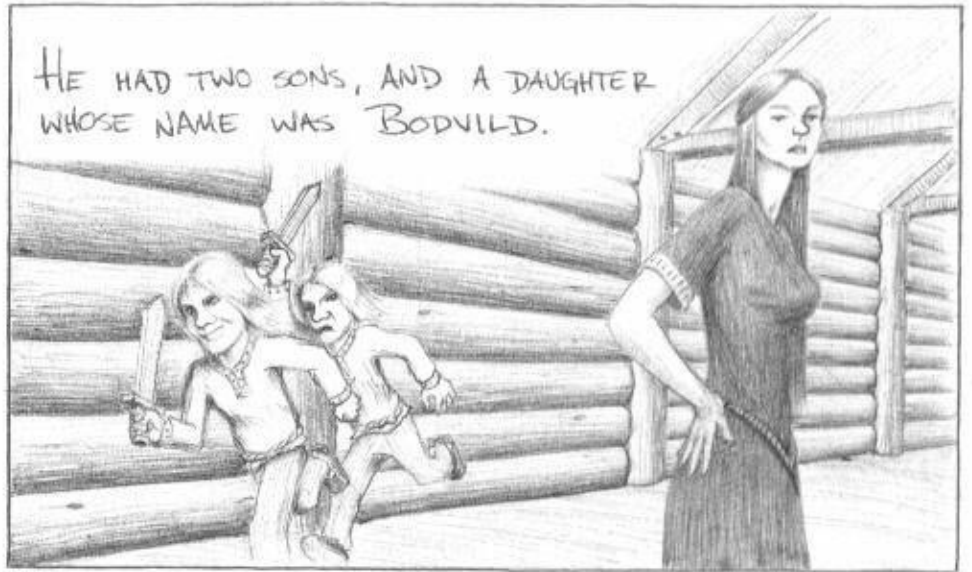
NAY, BOY. TIS NOT MEET TO BEG
WENCHES. THOU SHALT DEFTLY
CREEP, AND SEIZE THE VALKYRIES'
SWANSKINS, LEST BACK TO YMIR'S
BROW THEY FLY. THUS TO OUR
HALL SHALT WE BEAR THEM.



THERE WAS A KING IN
SVITJOD HIGHT NIDOD.



HE HAD TWO SONS, AND A DAUGHTER
WHOSE NAME WAS BODVILD.

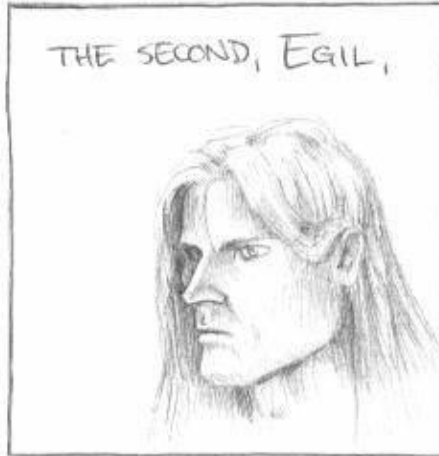


THERE WERE THREE BROTHERS,
SONS OF A FINNISH KING.

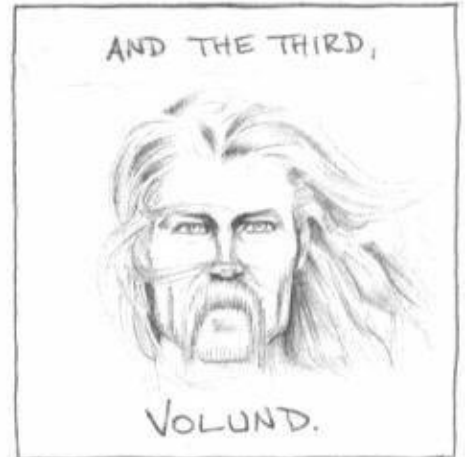
WAS ONE HIGHT SLAGFID,



THE SECOND, EGIL,



AND THE THIRD,



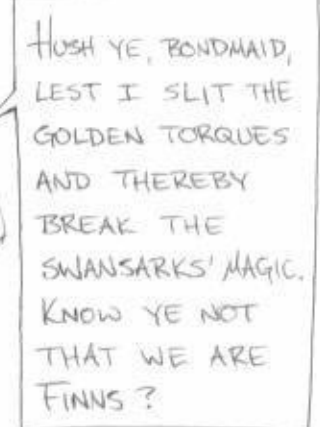
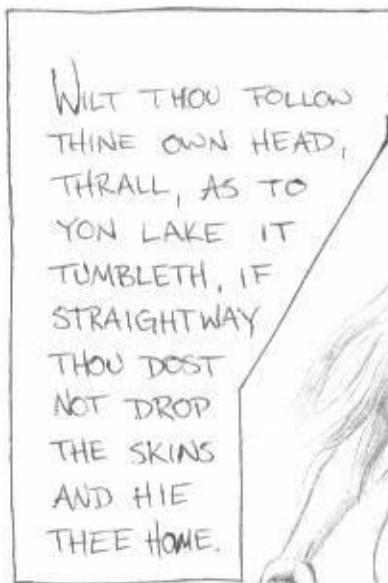
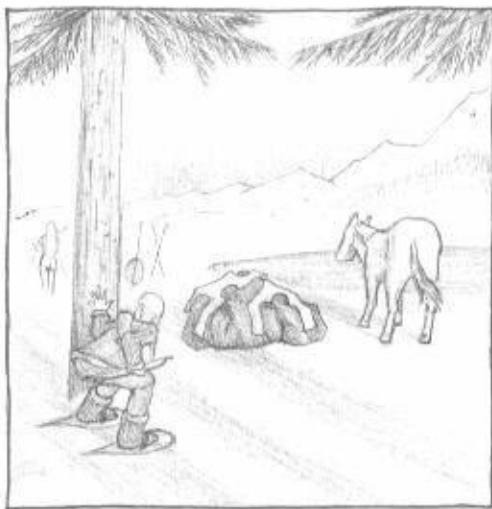
VOLUND.

THEY RAN ON SNOWSHOES, HUNTING GAME. THEY CAME TO THE WOLFDALES AND MADE THEM
A HIGH-TIMBERED HALL, THERE BY A WATER CALLED WOLF LAKE. EARLY ONE MORN THEY
FOUND BY THE SHORE THREE WOMEN SPINNING FLAX. BY THEM LAY THEIR SWANSKINS,
FOR THEY WERE VALKYRIES. THEY WERE THE TWO DAUGHTERS OF KING HLODVÉR, HLAGUD

THE SWANWHITE, AND
HEVOR THE ALLWISE, AND
THE THIRD WAS OLRÚN,
DAUGHTER OF KING KIAR
OF VALLAND. THE BROTHERS
TOOK THEM HOME WITH
THEM. EGIL TOOK OLRÚN
TO WIFE; SLAGFID TOOK
HLAGUD, AND VOLUND
TOOK HEVOR. THUS DWELLED

THEY SEVEN WINTERS. THEN FLEW THEY AWAY TO BE AT BATTLES, AND DID NOT RETURN. THEN
WENT FORTH EGIL ON HIS SNOWSHOES TO SEARCH FOR OLRÚN, AND SLAGFID TO LOOK FOR SWANWHITE,
BUT VOLUND STAYED IN THE WOLFDALES. HE WAS THE MOST SKILFUL OF MEN OF WHOM OLDEN TALES TELL.





WAS THE VALKYRIE'S RAGE STAYED AND DIDST
HERVOR HOLD HER TONGUE. THE BROW-WHITE WAR-
MAIDENS STOOD OPPOSITE THE BROTHERS, ISUT
NEITHER MOVED TOWARD THE OTHER. 'T WAS SEEN
THAT HILL WOULD EFTSOON FOLLOW UPON
DALE, AND WOULD RAVENS GORGE IF
AGREEMENT WERE NOT REACHED.

